

## ABSTRACT

Proteins belonging to the MK family can suppress apoptosis induced by various stimuli such as carcinostatics, ultraviolet light and radiation, ischemic stresses, etc. Based on this finding, the invention provides novel agents for treating or preventing various diseases attributed to apoptosis such as cerebropathy, cardiopathy, nephropathy, neuropathy, or hepatopathy, etc., comprising proteins belonging to the MK family as an effective ingredient.